

# **Council Records**

**ALI.01**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	University of Pennsylvania: Biddle Law Library: American Law Institute Archives
<b>Creator</b>	American Law Institute
<b>Title</b>	Council Records
<b>Call number</b>	ALI.01
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1924-2003
<b>Extent</b>	21 linear feet
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	<p>The American Law Institute (ALI) was founded in 1923 in response to a perceived uncertainty and complexity in American law. Former Penn Law Dean William Draper Lewis was the Institute's first director, running the organization's operations out of his campus office. The ALI was conceived as a representative gathering of the American Bar (including Judges, Lawyers, and Law Professors) for the stated mission "to promote the clarification and simplification of the law and its better adaptation to social needs, to secure the better administration of justice and to encourage and carry on scholarly and scientific legal work." The collection, 1924-2003, includes minutes, correspondence, reports, and related records regarding the activity of the American Law Institute Council.</p>

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## **Biography/History**

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## **Scope and Contents**

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## **Arrangement note**

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### **Arrangement**

1. Minutes and Related Records
2. Reports

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Access Restrictions**

None.

### **Use Restrictions**

The archives reserves the right to restrict access to material of sensitive nature. Please contact the department for further information.

### **Immediate Source of Acquisition note**

First shipment received from the American Law Institute in 1995.

### **Processing Information note**

Preliminary container list prepared by Melissa Backes, 1995-2005.  
Processed and encoded by Jordon Steele, May 2008.

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## **Related Materials**

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### **Related Archival Materials note**

Council minutes are available as part of a digital collection. Visit the American Law Institute Archives homepage for more information.

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## **Other Finding Aids note**

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An item-level container list is available offline in spreadsheet form.

## Collection Inventory

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**MINUTES AND RELATED RECORDS, 1944-2003. ABOUT 7000 ITEMS.**

Box  
1-10, 12-21

### **Scope and Contents note**

Chiefly minutes that record the activity of council meetings. This series also includes correspondence and related records that reflect the planning and activity of council members.

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**REPORTS, 1924-1948. 55 ITEMS.**

Box  
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